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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, XF

SUBJECT: PROPOSALS TO REMOVE SEVERAL AMERICAN FIRMS FROM
ARAB BLACKLIST

1. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT THAT THE NEXT ARAB LEAGUE MEETING WILL CONSIDER PROPOSALS TO REMOVE COCA COLA, FORD MOTOR COMPANY, RCA AND XEROX FROM THE BLACKLIST ESTABLISHED UNDER THE ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL. THESE COMPANIES HAVE BEEN SEEKING FOR SOME TIME TO BE REMOVED FROM THE BLACKLIST AND SEVERAL OF THEM HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH VARIOUS ARAB GOVERNMENTS IN PAST MONTHS TO THAT END.

2. DEPARTMENT ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT THE HEAD OF THE CENTRAL BOYCOTT OFFICE IN DAMASCUS, MAHGOUB, IS OPPOSING THESE PROPOSALS TO DE-BLACKLIST THE AMERICAN FIRMS. THERE IS AT THE SAME TIME A MOVE BY VARIOUS ARAB STATES NOT TO REAPPOINT MAHGOUB IN HIS PRESENT POSITION.

3. EMBASSIES SHOULD SEEK APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO EXPRESS TO HOST GOVERNMENT THE INTEREST OF THE USG IN STRENGTHENING U.S. COMMERCIAL TIES WITH THEIR COUNTRIES AND EXPLICITLY OUR HOPE THAT THEY WILL ACTIVELY SUPPORT PROPOSALS TO PERMIT THE AMERICAN FIRMS IN QUESTION TO RESUME FULL NORMAL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB STATES BY REMOVING THEM

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FROM THE BLACKLIST.

4. EXISTING U.S. LAW PROHIBITS AMERICANS FROM SUPPLYING INFORMATION ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIPS OF U.S. FIRMS WITH A BOYCOTTED COUNTRY (E.G., ISRAEL) OR WITH BLACKLISTED FIRMS AND YOU SHOULD CAREFULLY AVOID ENTERING INTO DISCUSSION ON SUCH RELATIONSHIPS.

5. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT OF DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE SUCH INFORMATION AS YOU MAY BE ABLE TO ELICIT REGARDING LIKELY DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT ARAB LEAGUE MEETING AT WHICH BOYCOTT ISSUE WILL BE DISCUSSED.

6. FOR BAGHDAD: IF YOU CONSIDER THAT U.S. REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF BLACKLISTED U.S. FIRMS LIKELY TO BE MORE HELPFUL THAN HARMFUL TO FIRMS' EFFORTS TO BE REMOVED FROM BLACKLIST, YOU SHOULD ALSO SEEK OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE USG VIEWS KNOWN TO GOVT OF IRAQ. VANCE

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